



Dear Parent/Carer

## Online Learning at [www.samlearning.com](http://www.samlearning.com)

As you know, we are continuously evaluating ways to raise the achievements of our learners. I'm pleased to announce that the school has subscribed to SAM Learning Secondary, a top quality eLearning service that has been proven to improve GCSE grades through GCSE exam practice and related work.

One of the key features of this service is that it can be accessed from virtually any computer with Internet access – and other schools who use it report significant usage outside the core school day. SAM Learning Secondary usually costs home users £9.99 per year, but our learners now have unrestricted use of this service totally free of charge.

If you have a computer with Internet access at home, I hope you will allow it to be used to access this service, but if that is not possible, there are arrangements for access to computer time in school outside timetabled Task Hours, so that no-one is at a disadvantage. Of course, it is also possible that learners may use SAM Learning Secondary from computers in other places such as libraries and community centres.

I realise you may have concerns about youngsters using the internet, and may wish to establish your own family rules about where and when this is to be done.

To access the service at [www.samlearning.com](http://www.samlearning.com), learners need three details:

Centre ID:	SK10HH2
User ID:	Date of birth followed by two initials; first name then last name. Example: 010896DJ is the user for David Jones born 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug 1996.
Password:	Initially same as User ID, learners are encouraged to change this to something difficult to guess or work out.

All our learners who will be using the service will be shown how everything works – you may want to ask them to show you in turn, especially the area that reports on their progress and shows their marks!

SAM Learning is designed to help learners get better exam results by giving them the inside track on what examiners are looking for. It will show them how examiners assess their work and help them to get more marks. As little as 10 hours use of SAM Learning can have a significant impact on exam results improving two grades – equivalent to two Cs rather than two Ds.

We do hope that you will take advantage of this service and thank you in anticipation of your support for this initiative.

Yours faithfully

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